

Board of governors to consider AIDS policy

By Lizanne Madigan

A policy outlining how the college will handle AIDS cases among staff or students may be considered by the college's board of governors in January, one year after a college committee was appointed to draft AIDS guidelines.

In January 1988, college president John Tibbits appointed 12 people to an advisory committee from a list of men and women who were "interested in and willing to become familiar with concerns relating to AIDS."

John Podmore, director of human resources, said he received a policy draft from the committee in October. The draft was then approved by the operations management committee and is awaiting a review

by the human resources subcommittee of the board of governors. The draft will then be presented to the board for final approval.

Podmore said he is "optimistic" it will go before the board "no later than their January meeting."

Podmore would not comment on the contents of the draft. He said it would be "inappropriate to go into any details about the policy before the board has been appraised of it." But the thrust of the policy statement, Podmore said, will be that the college is "committed to ensuring the rights of students and employees are protected." He said the policy will go on to state how that will be done.

Marilyn Fischer, chairman of the AIDS committee, said things are

"basically at a standstill" until the policy is approved. The committee -- which has met six times since January, with the policy subcommittee meeting a further three times -- will reconvene once the policy is approved.

Committee members will then concern themselves with AIDS education at the college. Fischer said a short questionnaire has been prepared which they hope to distribute to everyone at the college to determine which areas of education need the most attention.

Gordon Youngman, founder and then-chairman of ACCWA, the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo and area, spoke with the college AIDS committee in April about drafting workplace policy.

Youngman resigned as ACCWA chairman six months ago to begin a consulting company to help businesses develop policies for dealing with AIDS.

In an interview, Youngman said most of the companies he's dealt with have "taken a very simple policy, placed it into effect, and then instituted the education."

"You can't educate without policy and vice versa, you can't have a policy without education," he said.

In Ontario, stressed Youngman, "the policy has to be drafted taking into consideration the Ontario Human Rights Commission and their guidelines so that a company doesn't leave itself wide open for discrimination suits." He said a

policy should treat an individual the same as if he or she has any other life-threatening disease.

Youngman said drafting a policy for an institution like Conestoga College is more complicated because of the school of nursing.

"Your students are going to be involved at some point with someone who has the disease." But, he said, universal precautions are in place in hospitals.

He said in a normal workplace setting you cannot pass the disease "unless you're having sex on the job or you're injecting drugs."

One in 650 Canadian workers carries the virus, said Youngman, and companies must become "proactive rather than reactive" when dealing with AIDS.

SPOKE

Conestoga College, Monday, December 5, 1988



Photo by Richard E. McLean/Spoke

Doon Campus students protest the complete smoking ban at Conestoga College.

Smoker ready to give up fight

By Tracy Strassburger and Richard E. McLean

The student behind smokers' protests last week at two of Conestoga College's campuses said he has all but given up his fight for designated smoking areas at the college.

While he has about 1,150 signatures on a petition which he plans to present to the board of governors in January, Rick Liddell said, "The only thing that would ever change their (the board of governors) minds is if in numbers a big enough stink was made." But after the poor turnout at the Doon campus for last

week's rally and the lack of interest shown at the Guelph and Cambridge campuses, Liddell said, "I can't see myself spending any more time on this than I already have."

If he had received more support, he would have continued his campaign, he added.

About seven students from a Doon population of about 2,800 participated in the protest there.

First-year social services student Laura Roberts organized the Doon protest after hearing about Liddell's plans to picket at the Waterloo campus.

Liddell said about 90 out of 250

students picketed at Waterloo and that he was "really disappointed with Doon."

"As far as I'm concerned, the smokers at Doon, with the exception of the few who showed, deserve to freeze."

"I really feel that we have a very valid reason for asking for this. I don't think we should have to stand out in the cold, said Liddell. "I don't like being dictated to. We're not a communist country."

"I just don't know what else I can do at this point, other than present the petition to the board of governors, which I know full well won't do any good."

Alumni group formed

By Mike Robinson

Conestoga College now has an alumni association, which alumni officer Mary Wright says "has been a long time coming."

"It is past the proposal and into the action stage," said Wright, former campus recreation director, who was hired as a full-time alumni officer at the end of October and began her duties Nov. 14.

Wright said there have been

several attempts to create an alumni association. A feasibility study in 1985 found there was support for an association but at that time funding was not available.

As alumni officer, Wright is responsible for setting up chapter groups for each program.

She is also tracking down approximately 5,000 former students each year, starting from the most recent graduates and working back. see ALUMNI page 3

Crash witnesses sought

By Lizanne Madigan

Conestoga College student Joanna Van Meer, 38, of 808A Alice St., Woodstock, was killed instantly Nov. 30 in an accident on Homer Watson Boulevard near the 401 cut-off. Her vehicle was involved in a collision with a Red Carpet Food Services van.

The driver of the van, Wayne Welden, 27, of 186 Clover Pl., Kitchener, was not injured in the 8 a.m. accident.

Neither vehicle carried passengers.

Acting traffic sergeant Fred Gregory of the Waterloo Regional Police said Van Meer's car was northbound on Homer Watson Boulevard when

it appeared to go out of control. After swerving side-ways into the oncoming traffic, said Gregory, the passenger side of the car was struck broadside by the southbound van.

He said the weather was not a factor in the accident and no charges have been laid.

Gregory said police are looking for witnesses and are investigating the possibility that another vehicle may have been involved.

Van Meer was a food and beverage management student at the Waterloo campus and her daughter, Tammy Van Meer, is a nursing student at the Doon campus.

The investigation is continuing.

Cafeteria name needed

By Leona Fleischmann

If the name is right, you could eat lunch free for a week.

Jackie van Trigt, unit manager of Beaver Foods at Conestoga, doesn't like the fact that people have to say "the old cafeteria" or "the new cafeteria" so she is launching a contest to name the new cafeteria in the technology wing.

From Dec. 5-9, sheets will be distributed so students can write

suggestions down and deposit them in a box in the new cafeteria.

It is still undecided who will choose the best name.

College President John Tibbits could make the decision, or the best suggestions could be put into a box and a winner drawn.

The person whose suggestion is chosen will be entitled to a week's worth of lunches free of charge in either cafeteria.

Recycling plan sent to president

By Leona Fleischmann

Conestoga College is one step closer to having a recycling program for paper under a proposal sent to president John Tibbits by Dave Jackson, a computer program analyst faculty member.

Jackson, who earlier elicited support for the proposal from the Doon Student Association, said he expected the plan would get the go-ahead within two weeks.

The DSA decided it would not

take over the project, but would assist in getting volunteers to help run the program, Jackson said.

Details about how the program would work will not be decided until final approval is given.

In a testing of the waters, however, Jackson placed boxes in computer rooms and the faculty offices in 1B49 in hopes that interest in collecting used paper would be raised.

Jackson said he thought initial response was poor, but that may

have been because of lack of awareness, because response later improved. He said the test indicated what might need to be done to make the effort successful across the college.

Jackson and Phil Olinski, DSA business manager, said they are confident the program could run successfully. Jackson, who has a work cubicle in Room 1B49, said students interested in helping with the collection process should contact him.

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Night shift

By Richard E. McLean

It has been said that in order to work night shift in a doughnut shop, one has to be a little crazy. After doing it for about three years, I tend to agree.

The day shift never realize what they're missing because the night shift is careful to wait until they leave before revealing their real selves.

The baker starts things off by singing along to the radio at the top of her lungs, whether she knows the words or not.

This usually is followed by what has become known at our shop as the locomotion, which involves everyone performing their own private dance step.

As the night continues, various antics are done to see who can out-perform whom, while customers judge us on whatever criteria they feel is important that night.

We also enjoy embarrassing each other. I once worked with a woman who was always saying the police who came into our shop were cute. One night, I went out front while she was serving an officer and asked her if he was the one she was in love with. Her face turned six shades of purple. I then went on to explain the situation to the officer -- she had a thing for men in uniform.

People who don't work the night shift sometimes find it difficult to appreciate our humor. They can't see what's funny about someone using margarine instead of bavarian lemon and wondering why they are having problems, or one of the girls telling us her garbage is leaking and then proceeding to drag a bag with no bottom left through the back room.

Oh well, I guess you'd have to be there.

Letter to the editor

Article fails to explore both sides

To the editor:

I was rather disappointed with Spoke's Nov. 14 article concerning the proposed general arts and science program (New GAS program in final stages). It resembled an advertisement for the program, not a news story.

There were several important points regarding the program that the article failed to explore:

(a) GAS is designed to retain students in the college, and will carry individuals who, perhaps, are not equipped for college-level studies.

(b) The grade average needed to stay in the program is lower than many college programs.

(c) Graduates of the program will have to contend with the

thousands of university graduates who join the work force every year with three- and four-year general bachelor of arts degrees. These students are much more employable than graduates of a watered-down college version.

(d) If the program is such a wonderful idea, how come it is only just being started? Is it mere coincidence that it is being created at a time when the college faces financial difficulties?

(e) Kerina Elliott (GAS program co-ordinator), stated that "some employers want employees with a general knowledge." That isn't exactly a vote of confidence for future graduates of the program, who I happen to think, will find them-

selves with very little to offer their potential employees, considering the amount of time and money funnelled into the GAS program.

I know for a fact that there are many students AND faculty at the college who are not in favor of the program, yet your article failed to mention, in any form, the possible negative aspects of GAS.

Objective journalism looks at both sides of the coin, not just one.

Antony Saxon,
Journalism

(Antony Saxon is the previous editor of Spoke.)

You Tell Us:

How do you feel about Brian Mulroney being re-elected?



"Initially I was very apprehensive about free trade. I still have my doubts, but we will have to see how well it (free trade) is managed."

Kirk daSilva
LASA
2nd year



"Not too great since I didn't vote for him. He's a bit like drinking coffee with milk instead of real cream."

Gabby Kamino
Choreographic director,
Kerry Leitch Figure Skating
School, Kenneth E. Hunter
Recreation Centre.



"It'll make flying south a whole lot cheaper."

Charlie Condor
College Mascot.



"I'm a little worried, but all the economists say free trade is our future. I hope it doesn't affect the price of beer, unless downward."

Rob Scott
Marketing
2nd year



"I think it's good. I want free trade, plus he's done alright by the country for the past four years. He should continue on for the next four."

Rui Dasilva
Management Studies
2nd year



"I like it. I hate Turner's eyes. And Broadbent's for the wrong party. It doesn't matter because free trade will be passed anyway."

Bob Kostello
Computer Program Analyst
3rd year

Mulroney is the Grinch who stole Christmas



By Tracy
Strassburger

Santa Claus is unmistakably a Tory.

He has to be -- he's giving Brian Mulroney everything he wants for Christmas, from ensured passage of the free-trade agreement, to just as surely, a new federal sales tax.

And while few people will feel the transformation this year, by next Christmas, we won't be Canadians living in Canada, but Whos, from Dr. Suess's Whoville.

And we'll remember Nov. 21, 1988, as the

night Brian Mulroney became the Grinch Who Stole Christmas from thousands of Canadian families.

Among these will be the families of 590 Gillette Canada workers in Toronto and Montreal who will lose their jobs because the company has decided to end its Canadian manufacturing. Company officials deny up and down that the decision, announced Nov. 23, has anything to do with Mulroney's Christmas wish list. They waited to make the announcement until after the federal election so as not to affect the campaign.

It's a nice story, but it's about as convincing as Brian in a Santa Claus suit. If Gillette had already planned on pulling out of Canada, why all the concern over an election which won't affect them anyway?

Also headed for Whoville are 53 employees

of the Jarman Inc. (a subsidiary of Agnew Group Inc.) shoe factory in Lachine, Que. At least Agnew admits the free-trade deal is the reason.

Ortho Diagnostic Systems in Toronto has also announced its intention to move all operations to the U.S., and PPG Canada Inc., also in Toronto, announced it would close in the new year.

Four such announcements within three days after the election is no coincidence. And if the situation continues at the present rate, Canadians will have more than their share of Blue Christmases.

As it free trade weren't enough, the Grinch is likely to push ahead with a new federal sales tax, which in Ontario could start as high as 10 per cent and could, despite finance minister Michael Wilson's as-

surance, otherwise be applied to grocery items. So much for the traditional Christmas turkey.

Our miserly Grinch believes his tax plan will help eliminate the deficit. But the theory only works if people can afford to buy.

And with half the country slated to lose their jobs because of free trade, and the other half watching 10 cents of every dollar they make going to the Grinch, no one will be buying much of anything for their Christmas stockings, either.

"We are seeking," says the Grinch, in reference to the trade deal, "to do everything we can to cushion the blows that come from this commercial agreement."

What a reassuring farewell as he climbs back up the chimney, pulling the turkey, the stockings and the tree behind him.

Festival plans campus takeover

By Linda Bowyer

No approval has been given yet, but the Stratford Festival has plans for the Stratford campus, should the province agree to the Festival's March 1988 application to take over the campus building.

Gary Thomas, general manager of the Stratford Festival, said he didn't know whose idea it was originally, but it was because of the campus's "proximity to the front of the theatre."

This is not the first time the province has been approached with this request, he explained. In 1970-71, both the Festival and the college applied, and Conestoga received a three-year lease in 1973. Since then, the college has been renewing its lease.

This past spring, the Festival applied once more. "We haven't heard the final decision. We have been told through people in government that the studies they have made and conclusions they are coming to, look favorable for the Festival," Thomas said.

One of the main problem with the present facilities at the Festival Theatre, explained Thomas, is access.

"All our people have to come up the single drive" for tickets and for performances, and there is "terrific



Gary Thomas

congestion" in front of the building.

Thomas cited other reasons for wanting to expand their present facilities. The lobby is not large enough to hold the volume of people that must wait before entering the auditorium. The only washrooms in the building are located in the basement, and there are no washrooms with wheelchair access except in the St. John's Ambulance room.

Thomas added that the Festival would like more space for their book and gift shop which operates out of the back part of the campus building.

"This building was built in 1956-

57 and needs to be brought up-to-date. We have had a huge increase in the number of people (since then). The facilities are inadequate."

Several uses for the Stratford campus have been proposed. As far as performing in the campus building though, Thomas doesn't see that happening now. But the building might be used for coaching lessons, voice and movement classes and "what we call secondary rehearsals," Thomas said. "We're always crushed for storage and office space," so those are possible uses as well.

"But we haven't identified anything, except the shop operation (the book and gift shop) and access to the theatre," Thomas summarized.

At the present time, there is no thought of changing the interior or exterior of the building. "We're committed to leaving (it) as it is." But since there is no air conditioning, the mechanical and electrical system will have to be modified.

The Stratford Beacon Herald reported on Nov. 3 that the college was considering being part of a proposed sports complex in Stratford, but Thomas said he is not aware of anything regarding the complex, as he is not involved in the negotiations.

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Mary Wright

She estimated 40,000 to 50,000 graduates will be sought, although she said the proposed ad-hoc committee may work on qualifications for the alumni, such as a minimum number of hours or courses.

Wright said that she planned to start with the most recent graduates because they are the easiest to trace.

The ad-hoc committee will consist of alumni representatives from different programs and geographic areas and will be responsible for creating a mandate for the association. Wright said she expects the committee to be functional around the end of January.

She hopes to use newspaper ads and word of mouth among graduates to promote interest.

Wright said that once things are

focused, she will be working to coordinate events and act as a contact in an advisory position.

Possible activities of the association include co-ordinating class reunions, offering continuing education courses to graduates who wish to upgrade their information, career days, an annual open house, group insurance and trips.

Getting graduates involved in counselling with college and area high school students who want to know more about certain occupations would create a liaison between the college and secondary schools, Wright said.

She will recruit an assistant in the near future, and plans to publish newsletters on a regular basis, with the first scheduled for May 1989.

She said the association will also have ties with the Association of Alumni Administrators through its Ontario chapter. The association is designed as a network for the exchange of ideas between alumni of different associations.

She added that the alumni association concept is still new in terms of community colleges, and it was a big job just getting the group started at Conestoga.

Graduates who are now professionals could guest lecture and in the long term add support to the college, she said, adding that these "ambassadors of the college" could aid the college in its marketing approach.

CAMI recruits students at Doon Campus seminar

By Julie Lawrence

CAMI Automotive Inc. representatives Ken Johnson and Rita Tonin were at Doon campus Nov. 23 to give a recruitment seminar to students in the mechanical and electric engineering programs.

The representatives covered a 250-mile radius surrounding the new plant, in search of people who want to join the company, which intends to operate following a philosophy of teamwork and creating a family-like atmosphere.

The CAMI plant in Ingersoll is a \$500-million joint venture between General Motors of Canada and Suzuki Motor Company Ltd. and will employ 2,000 to 2,500 people over the next three years.

The company, which plans to produce 120,000 small cars and 80,000 sport utility vehicles, will be modelled after Suzuki's Kosai 2 plant in Japan.

Johnson explained that the company operates on teamwork and an open communication policy throughout the plant.

Most people hired will start as operators on the production line,

moving up to technicians and then experts, said Johnson, adding that wages increase with each advancement.

Experts are similar to lead hands in most other corporations. They must have worked on all sections of the assembly line and know every aspect of their jobs, said Johnson.

The presentation lasted for about an hour, ending with a question and answer period for the students. Application forms and information packages were handed out at the end of the presentation.

Johnson said the hiring process takes about 20 hours, starting with an application to CAMI and including testing sessions to determine the right job for each individual.

The company is concerned with workers and equality, he said, adding that no one is given special treatment and all wear the same uniform.

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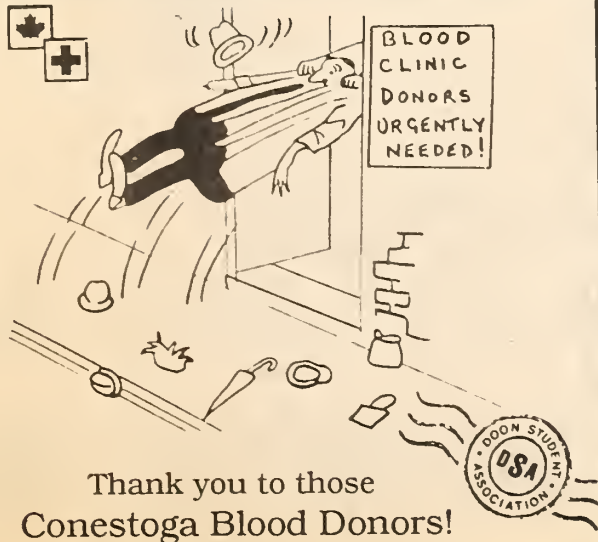
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Health office shuffle taxes staff

By Lizanne Madigan

Health services at Conestoga College has undergone major changes in the past six months, leaving senior nurse Marilyn Fischer wondering if some of the people making the decisions "realize exactly what it is that we do."

Health services came under health and recreation services prior to the end of June. When a new area, occupational health and safety, was developed, health services then fell under it.

Fischer said the switch-over has eliminated the positions of the 15-hours-a-week Stratford nurse and the 20 to 24-hours-a-week Waterloo nurse. The Waterloo nurse had also looked after the Cambridge campus.

Fischer, who's been with Conestoga College 16 1/2 years and at Doon campus four years, said the priority at health services is to ensure --through tests or keeping of medical records -- that students in programs such as nursing meet all the health requirements of the province.

She said this leaves little time to deal with other health concerns at the college, including walk-ins.

"But that's the way it has to be right now."

Fischer said the campuses which lost nurses have many students who must meet medical criteria for their programs. Food programs at Waterloo campus fall under the Food Premises Act, early childhood education at Waterloo falls under the Day Nurseries Act and the Stratford nursing division

falls under the Public Hospitals and Public Health Acts. Fischer said these are only a few examples of the many legislative demands that need to be fulfilled.

She said the remaining health services personnel had to look at how they were going to cover these campuses so they could ensure medical criteria was being met for admission to the programs and was also being sustained throughout the programs.

Fischer said the students' family physician takes care of the initial medical requirements and forwards forms to health services. She and nurse Caroyl Glaze check to see that they are filled in correctly.

Nursing students must have a medical, said Fischer, and they must have their immunization up to date for diphtheria, tetanus and polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

Students must also have a tuberculosis skin test and a chest X-ray, and fill out health records.

Fischer said the student is accepted to the program "based on medical criteria being met," but this may not be completed until well into the fall.

What usually happens, she said, is that forms are returned incomplete, and Fischer and Glaze must contact students.

Because the full-time, part-time, and continuing education courses total about 1,000 full-time and 1,000 part-time students this can be a lengthy procedure. Except for the Guelph campus, which is being covered by nurse Susan Heath while Midge Ennis is on maternity leave, Fischer and Glaze have to

look after all campuses on their own.

Fischer spends about three hours every Monday and Wednesday morning at the Waterloo campus and every second Thursday at the Stratford campus.

Glaze goes to the Cambridge campus every third Thursday morning.

Once in the programs with established medical criteria, students have to have such things as tuberculosis skin tests and chest X-rays to update their medical standing.

The two nurses also do health reviews for staff, faculty and second-year students.

Fischer said they would "prefer" their number one priority to be primary care for "anyone who comes in the door and has a problem," but there's no getting away from the demands of legislation.

On any given day 25-75 people arrive at health services seeking aid. Glaze said "lots of times" there's too much for the available staff to handle. "We have to look after the emergency situations" and sometimes have to ask the others if they can come back.

Both nurses said the most common complaints are headaches, colds and stress. They also handle primary and follow-up care for Workers' Compensation Board cases.

Dr. John Kan, a family practitioner in Kitchener, sees patients Tuesday and Friday at the Doon campus from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. by appointment.

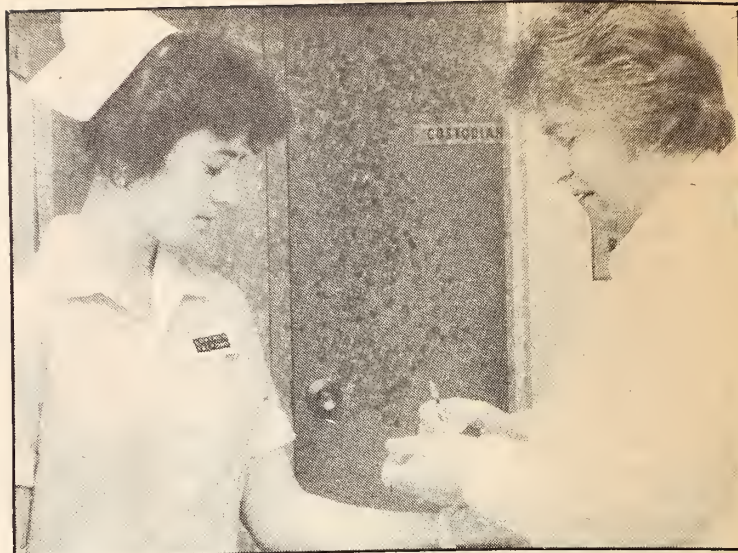


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Marilyn Fischer gives test to Lorinda Telford, Stratford

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SHERIDAN COLLEGE

Best teachers honored at dinner

By Simone Portelance

Nine faculty members, representing a broad range of campuses and programs at Conestoga College, were honored at a dinner for the Aubrey Hagar Distinguished Teaching Award nominees at the Conestoga Inn Nov. 24.

The award, named for Aubrey Hagar, a retired senior administrator at the college, was presented for the first time at the 20th spring convocation to Bruce Djorkquist, a health sciences teacher.

Other nominees were: Judy Balli, employment preparation; Sam McElrea, employment preparation; Ross Cromwell, Futures program; Paul Dehaan, welding; Sharon

Kalbfleisch, social services; Gary Parkhill, broadcasting -- radio and television; Jay Moszynski, business administration; and Raja Vaidyanathan, business. Hagar addressed the guests briefly on behalf of the nominees.

According to Herb Horsey, chairman of the college faculty professional development committee, Hagar told the nominees that he was honored to have an award for the most distinguished faculty members named after him.

The nominees were introduced by Beth Walker, chairman of the task force that developed the award.

Djorkquist was guest speaker for the event.

Horsey said one of the highlights of Djorkquist's speech was an in-

itation to all nominees to comment on what they feel makes a distinguished teacher.

All nominees agreed that a concern for relationship and respect for students, as well as self respect were more important than competence in the skill or knowledge being taught, Horsey said.

Pat Carter, college academic vice-president, was on hand to say a brief word on behalf of those honored.

The college faculty professional development committee was the host for the dinner. The committee members are responsible for faculty development decisions at their campuses and together formulate a policy for professional development of faculty.

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Fitness centre worth fee: Neath

By Simone Portelance

The college is attempting to upgrade fitness equipment at the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre, but cannot compete with private fitness club facilities, according to officials at the centre.

At the same time, said Bob Neath, recreation centre manager, he is interested in student complaints about the centre such as one raised at the Doon Student Association board of directors meeting Nov. 16.

A student at that meeting complained that Doon campus students must pay a \$40 athletic fee which goes toward covering expenses at the centre, but must put up with inadequate fitness facilities.

The fee is not mandatory for students at other campuses. Part-time students using the facilities pay a full membership fee, as does the

general public.

According to Neath, in 1980 the board of governors and the student government of the day determined that since it was initially students who pushed to get the facility built, it was up to the students to create ongoing support through a student athletic fee.

The fee gives the students the right to use the facilities, receive a free fitness test, participate in all intramurals and participate in the various camps and clinics available, such as the present squash clinic.

"To my knowledge all universities and colleges with on-campus recreation facilities do have athletic fees for full-time students," said Neath, explaining why students at Doon have no choice.

Neath said that \$40 per year for one person "keeps our lights on for an hour.

"The fees are used, as meant to be, for the ongoing upkeep of the centre," said Neath.

Neath said that in the past two years there were four changes to the universal (an interconnected weight system) made in response to student requests. Two new exercise bikes, a loose weights control system and stretch railings along one side of the fitness room have also been added to the facility.

It is standard policy for the college not to refund the athletic fee to dissatisfied students. However, Neath invites any student with a complaint to "come and tell what they feel is lacking with the facilities.

Neath added that students should keep in mind that "this is a community college. We can't compete with the type of programming and equipment available in the various private clubs around."

Students tour woodworking centre

By Richard E. McLean

Students from six high schools were at the Doon campus of Conestoga College Nov. 21 to hear about the woodworking program and receive a tour of the new woodworking centre.

The tour, arranged by Jennifer Leith of the liaison services office, included students from Westmount and Westdale high schools in Hamilton, Grand River Collegiate in Kitchener, Stamford high school in Niagara Falls, and one high school each in Woodstock and Bracebridge.

Ross Hughn, plant manager for Cooper Canada; Marty Heaswyck,

project manager for Beckerman Kitchens; Larry Sneath, second-year woodworking student, and Grant Glennie, woodworking coordinator, all spoke to the 95 students and staff.

Glennie told the group that Conestoga College's woodworking program has a better reputation than any in Canada as well as several in the United States, and that it ranks among the best four or five programs in the world.

After the two-hour session, the guests were given a tour which lasted about an hour and included four demonstrations; one with a

computer, two with different machines and the fourth involving a talk with a finishing teacher.

Second-year students acted as tour guides.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Luck has played part in Scarecrow's success

By Anna Lee Etmanskie

Talking to the John Cougar Mellencamp tribute band Scarecrow, a few key phrases continue to come up in conversation: professionalism and having fun. Unrelated as the two may appear, Scarecrow manages to combine them with a flair and succeed where other bands have failed.

It hasn't been a road unmarred by problems and conflicts, however. But mostly it's been a road of change and improvement.

In 1985 in Toronto, a garage band was beginning to emerge. They called themselves Scarecrow, after Cougar's 1985 album of the same name. "Gino (DeBuono, who later changed his name to John G. Kristi), the singer, is the only original member of the band Scarecrow," said Dave Scott, manager and bass player. "The basement band was booked for little shows here and there, going nowhere."

Scott hooked up with the band through the original drummer who was a mutual friend.

"I said certain guys should go and others should stay, to improve the

band," Scott adds, "Everyone else agreed and we worked on trying to get a better band together."

"Their small-time manager led them down the road to nowhere," said Scott, detaching himself from the band.

In the winter of 1986, Kristi developed asthma, six months into the "new" band.

"His asthma got very bad, we had no management, our musicians weren't very good, so we just canned it," said Scott.

Then Cougar's Lonesome Jubilee was released, in 1987, and it became the turning point for the band. Cougar's career was skyrocketing with the album and Scott and Kristi both thought "hey, let's jump on the wave," said Scott.

New guitar players, a new keyboard player, drummer and back-up singer were rounded up.

"(We got) a whole new look, whole new attitude and said 'let's do this professionally,'" Scott said.

It was at this point that Scott took over as band manager.

During the band's dormant period, Scott had gone on with his work at a booking agency in Toron-

to. He took his own project, Scarecrow, and booked it himself into a professional circuit.

"Once word got out, people started liking it -- a lot."

Why John Cougar Mellencamp?

Originally, the band members were Rolling Stones fans, but when Cougar came out, they began combining the two artists' work together.

"Cougar's got the same feel," said Kristi. "There's a certain grind, a certain way of playing Cougar. It takes a lot of work to play his music."

Cougar's earlier albums, Uh Huh and American Fool, were compared to the Stones' work, with American Fool noted as similar to the Stones' Exile on Main Street.

"If you take Cougar's music and compare it to other stuff, (excluding the Stones), you just can't. There's no comparison," said Paul Presseault, keyboard and percussionist.

Not all members were big Cougar fans at first.

"I gotta admit, at first I didn't like it at all," said Laura Lee, back-up singer, "I liked to listen to it on the

radio, but that's it."

"Now the band is more into Cougar than the Stones," Kristi said.

There are plans in the future to go into the studio.

Scott said, "We always hope to grab a record company. We've approached record companies before with (Kristi's) originals."

Scott added, "But for right now, we're concentrating on working very hard on this five-month project, this version of the band. It's still in the building process, it will take a good year to get firmly established."

Kristi stated, "But we have a good time, and that's why we do it."

According to Scott, the band now has more gigs than it can handle.

"But when you get that far up, it's a longer and faster way down," Kristi pointed out.

Luck has played a part in their success.

"Your band can be as good as you want, but if you don't have an agent to put you somewhere, you don't go anywhere," Kristi said.

According to Scott, although the band isn't signed on paper, the agency and the band consider their deal official.

Entertainment Centre agents Robbie Tustin and Brian Gennings do most of Scarecrow's bookings, resulting in many college deals, which the band loves.

"We love doing colleges. They appreciate bands more, they don't analyse like a bar crowd," said Scott. "Bar crowds hang out in these spots and the band is back-ground, so they analyse the music."

College pub crowds on the other hand, "are here to have a good time, drink, party with the band and party amongst themselves," Scott said.

Being labelled a clone band doesn't bother Scarecrow one bit because "that's what we set out to do -- play popular music, get booked regularly

"We're all geared towards John Cougar. We don't use the clone to get somewhere with originals. We're doing Cougar for Cougar's sake."



Photo by Anna Lee Etmanskie/Spoke

Michael Keith and John G. Kristi rock at Scarecrow pub.

'Cougar' live at Doon

By Anna Lee Etmanskie

If you closed your eyes half-way, squinted a little and let the sound of the tunes carry you off, you could believe it was John Cougar Mellencamp performing on stage at the Scarecrow pub Nov. 24.

The Doon cafeteria was filled almost to capacity by 10 p.m. and pub-goers were quick to get into the spirit of the evening. The dance floor began to fill even before the band made its entrance.

Scarecrow sparked up the evening with Paper and Fire, from Cougar's 1987 Lonesome Jubilee album. From the start, the audience was reeling with the uncanny voice of lead singer John G. Kristi, whose vocal and physical resemblance to Cougar helped make this Toronto-based tribute band stand out.

Kristi, backed by Michael Keith and Dave Dempsey on lead and rhythm guitars, Dave Scott, bass; Paul Presseault, keyboards and percussion; Emilio Misgro on drums, and back-up singer Laura Lee,

managed to capture the gritty excitement Cougar carries across in his music.

Scarecrow rolled on with Crumblin' Down, Lonely Ol' Night and Rumble Seat, carrying the crowd with them. Their version of Check it Out got most of the crowd dancing and singing in the aisles.

Scarecrow brought out the electronic clap machine to "teach" the audience to clap, and then broke into Jack and Diane which, still as popular as ever, was a highlight of the evening.

Kristi said, "I saw people staged from corner to corner dancing, right at the beginning of the show, right through till the end. Everyone was dancing constantly. What more could you want?"

The night ended with Cougar's remake of the Buddy Holly classic, Rave On, and left the air crackling with electricity and the people feeling the band had as good a time as the crowd.

'Heart' wins air band contest again

By Tracy Strassburger

Robert Palmer, Heart, AC/DC, Sonny and Cher and Clarence Carter appeared -- in a manner of speaking -- at the Waterloo campus of Conestoga College Nov. 24 at the campus' annual air band pub.

And for the second year in a row, Heart -- second-year food and beverage management students Linda Hillier and Catherine Miller, accompanied by Waterloo Student Association president John Pereira -- took home the \$100 first prize for their rendition of the '70's hit Baracuda.

Second place winners AC/DC were awarded their choice of Conestoga College sweatshirts or T-shirts after a rousing performance of Shook Me All Night Long, which prompted Robert Palmer's dancing girls to join them on the stage. The group consisted of Pereira (who also doubled as Robert Palmer), disc jockey and former WSA president Gary Bakker, Mike West, first-year general business, Mark Howard, first-year food and beverage management, and Brad Smith, first-year food and beverages management.

First-year food and beverage management students Angie Verhoeven and Deb Eatwell took third prize for their performance as Sonny and Cher, singing, I Got You Babe. Eatwell donned a long black wig and knee-high boots for the occasion, while Verhoeven sported a temporary moustache. The couple received a choice of sweatshirts or T-shirts.

Joann Johnson, a second-year food and beverage management student and spokesperson for the panel of judges, said, "We had a hard time (choosing a winner) because it was really close and everybody was really good."

Other members of the panel were Gary Williams, food and beverage



Photo by Tracy Strassburger/Spoke

Catherine Miller(left) and Linda Hiller at Waterloo pub.

management program co-ordinator, Rosemarie Droefke, manager of BeaverFoods at Waterloo, and WSA vice-president Rick Liddell, who was named to the position Nov. 23.

And while Pereira "sang" his heart out to Robert Palmer's Simply Irresistible, his dancers received most of the attention during their performance. Verhoeven, Eatwell and their fellow first-year food and beverage management classmates

Marnie Duffy, Jennifer Braid, Karen Jacobs and Sylvia Brady kicked up their heels on the tables behind Pereira, and later ventured out into the audience of 43, accompanied by appreciative whistles.

The women in the audience were not left out, however. Their applause erupted for first-year general business student Mark McNicol who, as Clarence Carter, crooned a number called Strokin', about the ways he found to make his girlfriend happy.

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Women cagers finish winless

By James Morton

The women's basketball Condors closed out their season with a 73-42 loss to the Georgian Grizzlies Nov. 24 at Conestoga.

The Condors played hard with lots of enthusiasm, but simply couldn't stop Sheri Steele and Dawn Bell who, with 24 points each, provided much of the Grizzlies offence.

The Condors had trouble controlling the ball in the early going and several giveaways led to Georgian baskets. As a result, Georgian led 10-0 lead just two minutes into the game.

A called time out seemed to break the Grizzlies momentum and Conestoga played much more aggressively as the half progressed. Territorial play was about even but the Condors had trouble finishing their plays and missed numerous shots and rebounds. Georgian was shooting well at this point and led Conestoga 40-19 at halftime.

Conestoga came on strong in the second frame and their aggressive play seemed to unsettle Georgian.

Midway through the second the Grizzlies led 59-36, but the score was misleading as Conestoga was playing well as a team and really making the Grizzlies work.

Janet Kowtusi and Virginia Hall were especially effective, making some sharp defensive plays under the Condor basket. Sharman Adam and Sharon Dejong were strong on offence and combined for several baskets.

The Condor offence couldn't make up the difference though and were obviously tired as the game drew to a close with Georgian leading 73-43.

Adam and Dejong were the top Condor scorers with 12 and 9 points respectively. Virginia Hall and Janet Kowtusi each scored 8.

Coach Anne Smith described the season as a growing and learning year.



Photo by James Morton/Spoke

Condors' Virginia Hall blocks Georgian's Sheri Steele.

"I enjoyed it even though we didn't have a good season. They're a nice bunch of kids to work with," she said.

Smith said the only real problem she faced this season was a lack of commitment from some players.

"If I had everyone out to each practice I could change tactics and work on offence. It's tough with only four people out," she said.

But Smith, who played Ontario Colleges Athletic Association basketball for four years, speaks positively of the team's future. And noted that Melinda Cromwell was their only second-year player.

"If all these girls return next year I think you will see a big improvement," she said.

Condor Janet Kowtusi said

she'll be back for sure.

"We had fun," she said, "we all enjoy the sport so it makes it worthwhile."

But she echoed the consensus that the Condors need more players in order to be competitive.

Kowtusi would like to see more fans come out but doesn't feel it would have helped their season much.

"Fans are good to have but when it comes right down to it, it's the team that inspires themselves," she said.

She feels Durham College will likely win the championship.

"They have great offence and defence. They can pass circles around almost everyone," she said.

"They'll win if Humber doesn't beat them up."

Men's basketball team 0-4

The men's basketball team suffered another loss in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association action Nov. 25, dropping an 86-56 decision to St. Clair College in Windsor.

The Condors trailed throughout the game and were behind 40-29 at halftime. Ed

Janssen led the Conestoga attack with 26 points, while Mike Henderson added 13.

The men were scheduled to host Centennial College Nov. 29 and Mowhawk College Dec. 1, and travel to Alfred University in New York Dec. 3.

Doon Student Association December Board of Directors Meeting

Wed. Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.

Room 4B07



November 21, 1988

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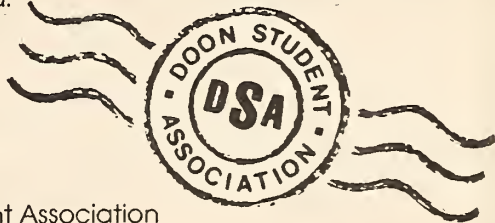
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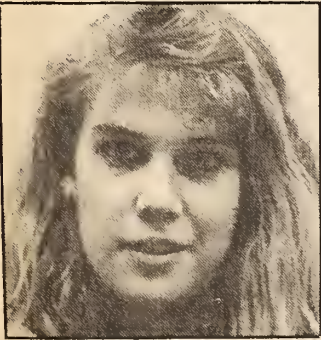
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Athletes of the week



Sharon DeJong



Ed Janssen

Sharon DeJong of the women's basketball Condors has been named this week's female athlete of the week. She scored 9 points and played strong defence in a game against Georgian College. The Guelph native is enrolled in the first year of the law and security administration program.

Ed Janssen of the men's basketball team earned male athlete of the week honors by scoring a season high 26 points in a match against St. Clair College. A native of Baden, he is a third-year student in the electronics engineering technology program.

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